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## FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

**LS 6601 NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 28, 2011

BILL NUMBER: HB 1368 BILL AMENDED:

**SUBJECT:** In-state Tuition for Military Families.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Heuer BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State

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Summary of Legislation: This bill defines military dependent. It provides that a military dependent, whose spouse, parent, or legal guardian: (1) is currently serving on active duty in an active component of the armed forces; (2) designated Indiana as their home of record at the time of enlistment and continues to maintain Indiana as the home of record at the time the military dependent is admitted to a state educational institution; and (3) is a legal resident of Indiana; is eligible to pay the resident tuition rate for an undergraduate course at a state educational institution. The bill requires a military dependent to physically attend the qualified course in Indiana in order to qualify for the resident tuition rate.

The bill provides that an Indiana veteran and the Indiana veteran's military dependent are eligible for the resident tuition rate for an undergraduate course upon admission to a state educational institution not more than 12 months after the later of: (1) the date the Indiana veteran separates from active duty from an active component of the armed forces; or (2) the date the Indiana veteran is released from a hospital or rehabilitative facility after receiving care for a service related injury resulting from the Indiana veteran's active duty in an active duty service. The bill requires an Indiana veteran or Indiana veteran's military dependent to physically attend the qualified course in Indiana in order to qualify for the resident tuition rate.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The number of students who might qualify for in-state tuition is unknown. The current higher education appropriation uses enrollment change, dual credit course enrollment, early college enrollment, number of degrees conferred, number of degrees conferred in four years, number of degrees awarded to low-income families, and the change in research funding to set the appropriation for each state educational institution. The bill could increase the state's enrollment adjustment grant portion of

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state educational institutions' appropriations, depending on the higher education formula used in creating the higher education appropriations. The change would probably not increase the state funding for higher education, but could cause minor shifts between institutions, depending on the formula components and weighting.

<u>Background:</u> The current enrollment change grant is based on a four-year rolling average of Indiana students attending the state educational institution. For FY 2012, the estimated average number of Indiana students attending the college for the 2009-2012 school years is compared to the average for the 2007-2010 school years. The difference in the number of students is funded at about \$1,026.

Explanation of State Revenues: The difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition is between \$9,000 and \$10,000 per year. The reduction in tuition revenue could partially be offset by the increase in the enrollment growth grant to the higher education institutions.

## **Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** 

**State Agencies Affected:** State educational institutions.

**Local Agencies Affected:** 

**Information Sources:** 

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